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 Hongkong, 23rd April, 1888. [78]

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TERM OF SALE.—As Customary.  
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"THALES,"  
Captain Hunter will be despatched

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Captain Frier will be dispatched as above on **THURSDAY**, the 35th instant.

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1888.







fine appearance, and Messrs. Clark and Morris, who were sent from England to put the vessel together, may be complimented on the manner in which they have carried out the work entrusted to them.—*Mercury Correspondent.*

## KOREA.

**SEOUL, 4th April.**  
Major & Co. have got a concession to work gold in Pong Yang Do, and they are representatives of a German syndicate which will loan the Government \$8,000,000 if necessary. A mining expert, Mr. Kling, is here, sent by the syndicate, and will start on a prospecting tour in a few days. There will be known U. S. Army Officers are on their way here to organize a Korean modern army. Mr. Kraus, the director of the M.H. leaves for home in a few days. The mint will not be in working order for another year, at least. Major & Co. will place the loan in a short time, and receive as security the Customs revenues and half profits of all gold workings by them in Pong Yang Do for five years. They will have the right of working any mine in that province.

The Chinese steamer *Kiang Chin* arrived at Chemulpo on the 20th inst., and will run in future from Shanghai via Chelso. She is a fine little boat, built expressly for this route, and will prove a formidable rival to the Yuseu Kian monopoly.

The Russian fleet of three ships, the *Dmitri Dostoyev*, *Belor*, and *Nagayev*, arrived on the 20th March, and two of them have for Chelso on the 5th inst.

The members of the Chinese Service who joined previous to the Chinese war have been given a hard fight to maintain their position, as it is understood that Sir Robert Hart has issued orders to his functionaries in this country "to get rid of them all on any pretext," as he wishes to fill their places with Chinese Customs men.

Some of the men who came under the old Customs rule, however, have secured legal advice on this matter.

Mr. Halliday went to Fusan per *Hijo Maru* last trip, and has secured the contract for telegraph line to—*Living Star Correspondent.*

## THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Changha*, with the Australian mail, arrived here yesterday morning. The following telegrams are taken from our Australian files—

**THE REFORM OF THE HOUSE OF PEERS.**  
LONDON, 20th March.

In the House of Lords last night, the motion brought forward by the Earl of Rosebery for the appointment of a committee of consideration of reform of the House of Peers, was rejected by a majority of 100.

The Marquis of Salisbury refused to support the proposal on the ground that the scheme was a shadowy one. He, however, expressed his willingness to consider any bill which might be introduced dealing with the subject.

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**THE EMPRESS FREDERICK AND ALBANY.**  
The Emperor Frederick proclaims that he is determined to never leave Albany and to remain in Albany German ideas and opinions in those provinces.

**THE KAISER'S THROAT.**  
LONDON, 27th March.

Sir Morell Mackenzie, who has remained in attendance upon the Emperor Frederick since the operation was performed on his throat, has removed a large piece of loose cartilage from the throat of the Emperor. The Emperor has since obtained further relief, and the condition of his throat continues to improve. It has been suggested that the piece of loose cartilage which was removed indicated that the disease had reached a cancerous stage.

**DISASTROUS FLOODS IN HUNGARY.**  
LONDON, 24th March.

Disastrous floods have occurred in Hungary. Six villages are submerged, and a great amount of distress prevails.

**THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN EUROPE.**  
LONDON, 23rd March.

The King of Romania is consulting with the Emperor and Austria, with a view of effecting a union between Austria and Romania as against Russia.

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LONDON, 24th March.

John C. Brattain, the Romanian Premier, has declared that Romania will regard as an enemy any Power which disturbs the peace of Europe. Any attempt on the part of Russia to traverse Romanian territory will be strongly resisted, unless such procedure has the consent of the other European Powers.

Since the return of the Archduke Rudolph from Berlin a calm feeling prevails in Austria. It is now confidently believed that the alliance with Germany will be permanently maintained.

**THE TURKISH MINISTER.**  
LONDON, 26th March.

Gudhan Effendi, the Turkish Minister to Bulgaria, has resigned.

There is much activity amongst the military forces of Bulgaria.

**MUCH EXCITEMENT PREVAILS IN ROMANIA.**  
LONDON, 28th March.

In consequence of the attitude of political parties in that country, an outbreak of popular feeling has taken place in Bucharest. The Opposition members of the Chamber of Deputies led their partisans up to the main entrance to the Chamber.

The crowd attacked the officials and the sentries were wounded. The military were called out, and they dispersed the crowd. Several deputies have been placed under arrest for having taken part in the riot.

**THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
LONDON, 25th March.

It is reported that the Right Hon. Henry Coote, Minister of the Interior, will be appointed to succeed Sir William Jervois as Governor of New Zealand.

**AUSTRALASIAN NEWS.**  
THE NEW ZEALAND QUESTION.

NOUMEA (via Brisbane) 20th March.

The evacuation of the New Hebrides by the French is not complete. The French warship *Albatros* is at Noumea, and is building material at Noumea on the 17th inst.

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## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. VIA SUEZ CANAL	Venetia (etc.)	F. J. Cole	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 25th inst., Daylight
HAMBURG & BREITENBURG	Dardanus (etc.)	Purdy	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	On 26th inst.
MARSHALLS VIA SUEZ CANAL	Olympia (etc.)	P. Moller	Hongkong	Stearns & Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL	Oriskany (etc.)	Guinard	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
VANCOUVER &c. VIA KONG	Bayern (etc.)	B. Sander	Hongkong	Malchers & Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
GENOA VIA BOMBAY &c.	Batavia (etc.)	Watson	Hongkong	Adamson, Bell & Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Bernina (etc.)	Dagino	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	City of Sydney (etc.)	San Fella (etc.)	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Great Admiral	J. F. Rowell	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Patrol	Burham	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Centennial	T. M. Boreau	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Strathmore (etc.)	C. W. Pearson	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Tanjore (etc.)	Seller	Hongkong	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Yongue (etc.)	Anderson	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Achilles (etc.)	Webster	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Prometheus (etc.)	Webster	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Albatros (etc.)	Webster	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Zafiro (etc.)	Webster	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA HAWAII	Thales (etc.)	Webster	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.

Secretary to the Board of Trade, introduced a bill to provide for a more effective means of saving life on vessels at sea than at present exist. The bill is based on the latest which was introduced in the House of Commons in 1886. It has been read a second time.

**LONDON, 23rd March.**  
The grand organ which is being built by Messrs. Hill and Son for the Cathedral Hall, Sydney, will be completed at the end of the year.

**LONDON, 24th March.**  
The Austrian sugar refiners have raised the price of sugar to 10s. 6d. per cwt.

Sir W. G. Sargant, K.C.M.G., one of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and who has for many years been connected with the Colonial Office, will retire on a pension.

A bill to give effect to the fisheries treaty entered into between Canada and the United States has been introduced into the Dominion Parliament.

**LONDON, 27th March.**  
In the House of Commons last night the Wines Duty was adopted.

The military Court of inquiry into the breach of discipline committed by General Boulanger in leaving his command without authority has been concluded. The result of the inquiry is that General Boulanger has been finally placed on the retired list of the army.

**LONDON, 28th March.**  
The death is announced of Mr. Edmund Dwyer Gray, Home Rule member for the St. Stephens Green Division of Dublin.

It is reported in Berlin that the coronation of the Emperor William will take place at Konigsberg in June next.

Canada will make a splendid display of agricultural and industrial products at the International Exhibition. The allotment of space in the industrial section has given satisfaction to the British and foreign exhibitors.

The Corn Law Convention Bill has been presented to her Majesty.

**COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.**  
SATURDAY, 21st April.

**ON LONDON.**  
Telegraphic Transfer, 2/11 1/2

Bank Bill, on demand, 3/0

Bank Bill, at 30 days sight, 3/0 1/2

Bank Bill, at 60 days sight, 3/0 1/2

Bank Bill, at 90 days sight, 3/0 1/2

Bank Bill, at 120 days sight, 3/0 1/2



